

USACE FINANCE CENTER
BIWEEKLY REPORT
PERIOD ENDING 29 OCTOBER 1999

CEFMS:

CEFMS ISSUES:

a. We released the CEFMS functionality that provides for Automated MIPR's (Funds Transfer and Acceptance) between USACE locations on Thursday 21 October 1999. The first "live" use of this functionality was made on Friday 22 October when a MIPR and Acceptance was completed between Mobile and Nashville districts.

b. As we continue to review the data related to our fiscal year end closing we have determined some interesting facts. Although we used 79 hours and 40 minutes of continuous (total) clock time--from the time we performed the first fiscal year end closing action on the first CEFMS database until completed the final action on the last CEFMS database--to complete the process for all CEFMS databases this year the "average" clock time per CEFMS database was 21 hours and 7 minutes. Fifty-eight of the sixty-three databases were closed in less than 48 hours of continuous clock time for that database. The shortest time to close a database was 3 hours and 31 minutes. The longest time required to close a database was 54 hours. I believe this performance lends credence to our goal to close each database within 48 hours or less. We believe that is the "appropriate" objective for a "real-time" system.

c. Late on Tuesday 26 October we deployed a "change" to one of our CRON jobs that is processed at the end of each work day that caused of all the CEFMS databases to be opened on Wednesday 27 October 1999 with a 1 November 1999 date. At 0700 hours CDT on Wednesday 27 October we suspended processing on all CEFMS databases and locked all users out of the system until we could determine the cause of the error and assess the impact.

All transactions entered prior to 0700 CDT on 27 October updated the databases as if they were November transactions. We developed "scripts" to identify the locations that had processed transactions or had November 1999 transactions in their databases and determined that 21 locations met this condition. At 1030 hours CDT we ran a "script" to correct the period control, change from 1 November 1999 back to the correct day, 27 October 1999, and notified the field that CEFMS was up and ready for normal business.

At 1230 hours CDT we ran a "script on the 21 databases that had been adversely impacted to change the November 1999 transactions to October 1999 transactions. At this point we had one additional task, to identify the subsidiary tables that required the transaction date be modified to October 1999.

All required "corrective" actions were completed by 1200 hours on Friday 29 October 1999.

PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:

a. The open problem report inventory is 805 versus 791 on the last report. The inventory includes 87 Priority #1 problem reports. The open inventory also includes 2 problem reports related to the CEFMS Modernization/GUI work management effort.

b. Forty three (43) of the sixty-three databases have no imbalances, four (4) have one, five (5) have two, four (4) have three, one (1) has four, an additional five (5) sites have nine or less, and only one site has more than ten. The grand total of database imbalances across the system is eighty (80).

ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS:

CONSOLIDATION OF OPERATING FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING FUNCTIONS:

UPCOMING CONSOLIDATIONS:

----CURRENT SCHEDULE COMPLETE----

NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ON BOARD PERSONNEL:

LOCATION:	NUMBER:
Huntsville	27
Millington	280
Washington	2
Other	1
DA Interns (Millington)	3
Total	313

DISBURSING WORKLOAD DATA:

PAYMENTS	As of 10/28/99	Current Month	Year To Date
BY CHECK:			
Checks Issued	23,172	23,172	23,172
Percent of Total	56%	56%	56%
Dollar Amount	\$259,373,826	\$259,373,826	\$259,373,826

BY EFT:

Transfers Made	18,214	18,214	18,214
Percent of Total	44%	44%	44%
Dollar Amount	\$318,536,630	\$318,536,630	\$318,536,630

OTHER UFC ISSUES:

a. Beginning on Monday 1 November 1999 and continuing through Friday 5 November 1999 we will be hosting a team composed of 8 personnel from DFAS Indianapolis who are responding to Mr. Gregory's question on the DFAS-IN Business Case for USACE. We have completed the answers for the 67 questions we needed to answer before their arrival at the UFC. We will present the UFC overview briefing beginning at 1030 hours Monday 1 November then review the questions and answers before we split into small groups by functional area.

b. All civil, military and revolving fund upward reports due from USACE locations were submitted by required due dates electronically via CEEMIS. This is the first year that all report were submitted via CEEMIS and the first year all were submitted by due dates. This was also the first year that the UFC Field Reporting Division was responsible for and submitted all reports with the exception of the report for POD and TAC. This automated capability proved to be an outstanding improvement over past fiscal years.

c. We are also involved with another "first", the electronic submission of Civil Works financial reports/statements using the Treasury Financial Management Systems FACT II capability. The submission of the Fiscal Year End Closing Statement (SF2108), Report on Budgetary Execution (SF133) and Adjusted Trail Balance to OMB and Treasury were submitted electronically by UFC. This was a major milestone since the USACE was one of the first agencies to pass the new report edits.

d. Other items of interest:

(1) We have completed the performance appraisals for all UFC personnel whose rating period ended 30 September 1999.

(2) We will conduct our Combined Federal Campaign kick-off ceremony on Monday 1 November at 1000.